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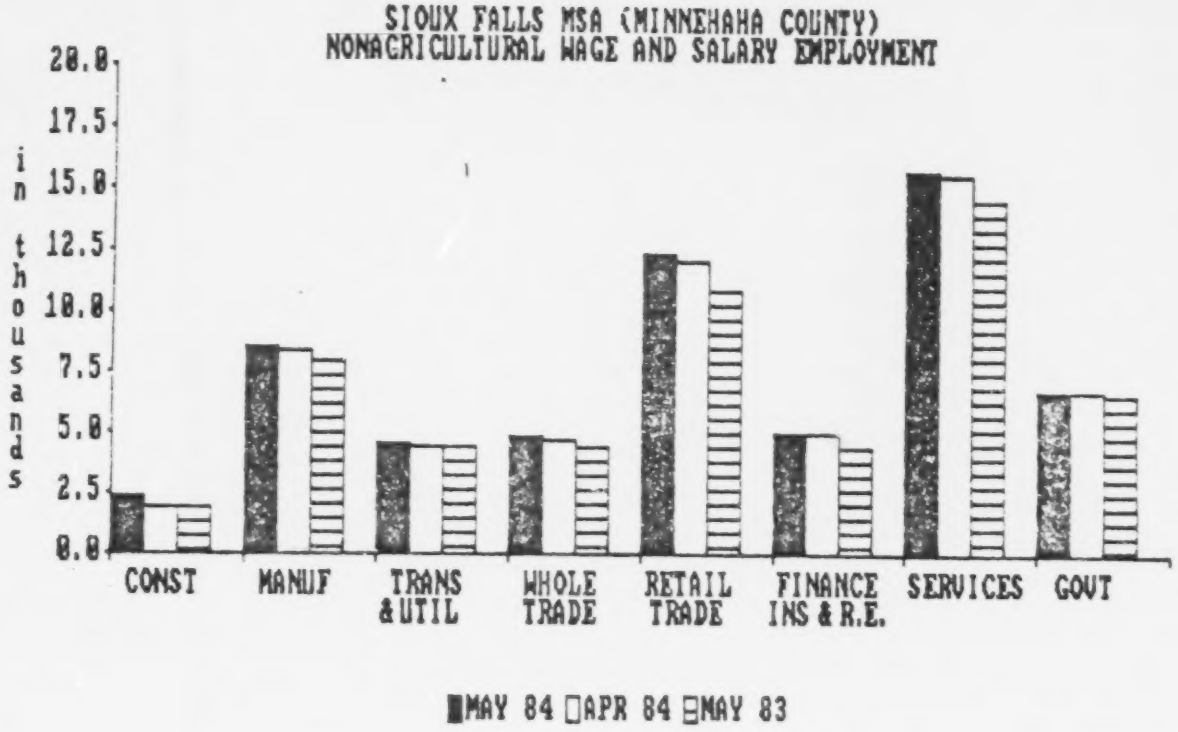


	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983	Percent Change From Last Month	Percent Change From Last Year
TOTAL	60,600	59,400	56,000	2.0	8.2
1/ MINING	--	--	--	--	--
CONSTRUCTION	2,400	2,000	2,000	20.0	20.0
MANUFACTURING	8,600	8,400	8,000	2.4	7.5
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,600	4,500	4,500	2.2	2.2
TRADE	17,300	17,000	15,600	1.8	10.9
Wholesale Trade	4,900	4,800	4,500	2.1	8.9
Retail Trade	12,400	12,200	11,000	1.6	12.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	5,000	5,000	4,500	.0	11.1
SERVICES	15,800	15,700	14,700	.6	7.5
GOVERNMENT	6,900	6,800	6,700	1.5	3.0

The figures in Table 2 include almost all nonfarm wage earners (full-time and part-time) but exclude the self-employed. They are derived from a monthly sample survey of South Dakota nonagricultural establishments and include workers on the payroll for the week including the 12th of the month. This table compares the current month's employment totals of the major industry groups to the totals of the previous month and year.

1/ Mining employment not published, employment less than 100 workers.

TABLE 3

HOURS AND EARNINGS PRODUCTION WORKERS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983
South Dakota Statewide									
Manufacturing.....	$302.56	294.98	306.20	43.1	41.9	41.1	$7.02	$7.04	$7.45
Nondurable Goods.....	302.02	302.89	333.85	42.3	42.6	42.1	7.14	7.11	7.93
Sioux Falls SMSA									
Manufacturing.....	299.71	301.48	362.86	44.8	44.4	45.7	6.69	6.79	7.94

*Average hours and earnings for production-related workers.

The figures in this table are for production-related workers in the manufacturing industry. The earnings estimates are based on gross pay before deductions and include pay for overtime, holidays, vacations, and sick leave. They exclude bonuses (unless earned and paid regularly each pay period).

TABLE 4

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

1967=100	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983	Percent Change From Last Month	Percent Change From Last Year
All Items.....	308.8	307.3	295.5	.5	4.5
Food & Beverages....	294.5	294.3	284.6	.1	3.5
Housing.....	333.2	331.5	320.3	.5	4.0
Apparel.....	199.2	198.8	195.5	.2	1.9
Transportation.....	309.6	306.9	292.3	.9	5.9
Medical Care.....	375.7	374.5	353.5	.3	6.3
Entertainment.....	253.8	251.7	244.6	.8	3.8

The Consumer Price Index is a widely watched national indicator of inflation. It is a measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services costs today with what the same sample "market basket" cost at an earlier date.

TABLE 5

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED[1] - STATEWIDE

	Number			Percent		
	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983
Sex, Total	1 689	2 814	3 250	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	1 083	2 023	2 087	64.1	71.9	64.2
Female	606	791	1 163	35.9	28.1	35.8
Race, Total	1 689	2 814	3 250	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	1 556	2 667	2 833	92.1	94.8	87.2
Nonwhite	133	147	417	7.9	5.2	12.8
Age, Total	1 689	2 814	3 250	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 45	1 260	2 149	2 567	74.6	76.4	79.0
Over 45	429	665	683	25.4	23.6	21.0
[2] Industry, Total	1 689	2 814	3 250	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mining	24	76	79	1.4	2.7	2.4
Construction	305	828	743	18.1	29.4	22.9
Manufacturing	309	597	539	18.3	21.2	16.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	91	134	192	5.4	4.8	5.9
Trade	437	583	897	25.9	20.7	27.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	53	52	68	3.1	1.8	2.1
Services	369	392	575	21.8	13.9	17.7
Government	101	152	157	6.0	5.4	4.8
[2] Occupation, Total	1 689	2 814	3 250	100.0	100.0	100.0
Professional & Managerial	255	283	457	15.1	10.1	14.1
Clerical and Sales	362	388	567	21.4	13.8	17.4
Services	235	313	362	13.9	11.1	11.1
Processing	77	198	110	4.6	7.0	3.4
Machine Trade	61	87	182	3.6	3.1	5.6
Benchwork	62	122	195	3.7	4.3	6.0
Structural Work	415	954	939	24.6	33.9	28.9
Other	222	469	438	13.1	16.7	13.5
Duration of Current Spell of Unemployment						
Total	1 689	2 814	3 250	100.0	100.0	100.0
1-2 Weeks	217	471	393	12.8	16.7	12.1
3-4 Weeks	186	235	267	11.0	8.4	8.2
5-14 Weeks	705	1 105	1 231	41.7	39.3	37.9
15 Weeks & Over	581	1 003	1 359	34.4	35.6	41.8

1 The insured unemployed are those unemployed persons who had worked for employers covered by South Dakota's Unemployment Insurance Laws, and who are eligible for unemployment compensation.

2 Refers to industry and occupation involvement prior to unemployment.

TABLE 6

SELECTED LABOR DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES - STATEWIDE

	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983	Percent Change From Last Month	Percent Change From Last Year
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE					
A. Initial Claims.....	1,638	1,575	1,632	4.0	.4
B. Weeks Claimed.....	8,890	11,718	13,967	-24.1	-36.3
C. Amount of Benefit Payments.....	$714,211	$1,013,649	$1,176,838	-29.5	-39.3
D. Unemployment Trust Fund Balance...	$20,113,900	$16,639,500	$8,879,800	20.9	126.5
JOB SERVICE					
E. Applicants Available (New and Renewals).....	6,462	5,599	6,305	15.4	2.5
F. Nonag Placements.....	4,156	3,259	3,298	27.5	26.0
G. Nonag Job Openings.....	5,334	4,299	3,363	24.1	58.6

The data in this table are taken from the records of the State unemployment insurance program and the State Job Service system.

A. Initial Claims - The total number of first claims for unemployment compensation.

B. Weeks Claimed - The total number of weeks for which claimants received compensation under the State Unemployment Insurance Program.

C. Amount of Benefit Payments - The total amount of money paid to claimants through our State Program.

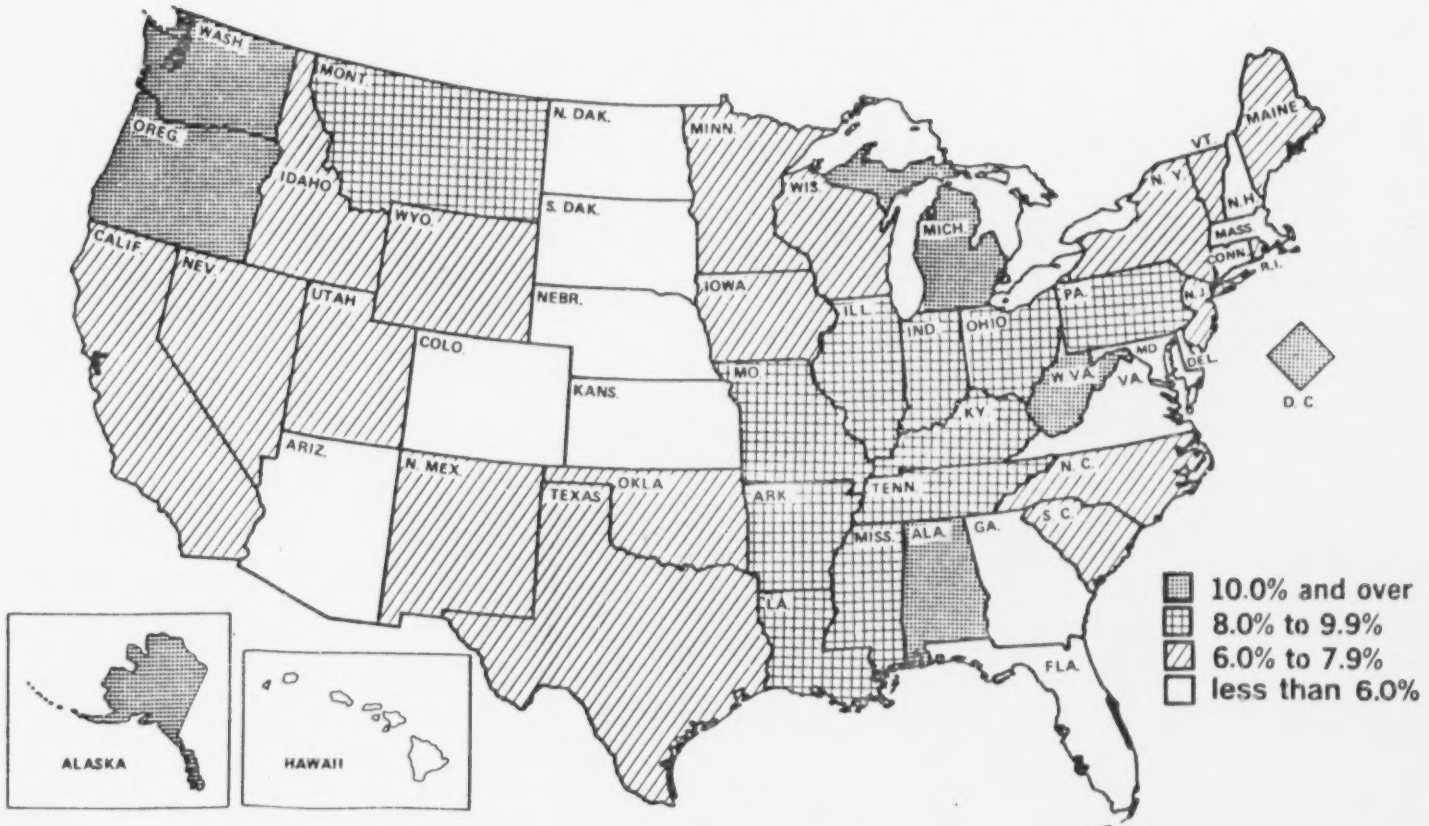
D. Unemployment Trust Fund Balance - The fund to which all required Unemployment Insurance Taxes are paid and from which all benefits to claimants are paid.

E. Applicants Available (New and Renewals) - The total number of different individuals who registered or renewed their applications for work at Job Service offices in the State.

F. Nonag Placements - A count of the number of times during the month that Job Service applicants were hired by nonfarm employers.

G. Nonag Job Openings - A count of new job openings received during the month by South Dakota Job Service offices from nonfarm employers.

Unemployment Rates by State, April 1984



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LABOR MARKET INFORMATION AVAILABLE

DID YOU KNOW???

DID YOU KNOW IN SOUTH DAKOTA:

The 1980 census showed 11.8 percent of the 690,768 population of South Dakota to be military veterans. Of the 81,526 veterans, 97.2 percent were male and the remaining 2.8 percent female. Minority veterans accounted for 4.9 percent of the total. American Indians make up 91.3 percent of the minority total. The table below shows the number and percentage of South Dakota veterans according to their period of service.

	Number	Percent
Veterans	81,526	100.0
May 1975 or Later Only	2,940	3.6
Vietnam Era	20,757	25.5
February 1955 to July 1964 Only	9,039	11.1
Vietnam Era and Korean Conflict	1,052	1.3
Korean Conflict	13,791	16.9
Korean Conflict and World War II	1,554	1.9
World War II	29,295	35.9
World War I	2,472	3.0
Other	626	0.8

The largest number of World War II veterans falls in the age group 55-59 years. Korean veterans show the age group 45-49 years to be the largest, and Vietnam era veterans show the greatest number to be in the 30-34 age grouping.

Source: 1980 Census, PC80-1-D43 S.Dak.

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